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Supervisor Dianne Jacob County of San Diego 1600 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101 dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov

Dear Supervisor Jacob,

I am writing to comment on the upcoming General Plan Amendment which will address the former Forest Conservation Initiative land, and specifically the land to the south of Interstate-8, just east of Alpine's village core. I am writing as a resident of Alpine and head of household for a family of four. However, I am confident that my comments resonate with a large percentage of your constituents here in Alpine.

I am writing because I feel very strongly that the most significant long term development necessary for Alpine to reach its potential as a full service community is the construction of a comprehensive high school. This is one of the last aspects of a community that Alpine is sorely lacking. Alpine is very close to student population benchmarks that demonstrate the need for a high school. We can't make decisions as a community that will stifle stable and appropriate growth.

The logical pattern of growth for Alpine is in the area of the former FCI lands along the south side of Interstate 8. I support density designations of SR-1 and SR-2 in this area, which are consistent with the density throughout the majority of our community. Most of the existing homes in this area are situated on parcels ranging from 1-4 acres. I do not believe that the development of large tracts of land in that area into similar sized 1, 2 and 4 acre lots is unfair to the current residents. However, I do believe it would be unfair to the rest of the community to impose low density zoning to this area that would effectively prevent its long term development and jeopardize the eventual development of a high school.

We need more homes that are affordable and lot sizes that are manageable for families with children. Large 4+ acre ranches are not viable for most families. SR-1 and SR-2 zoning in this area would allow for homes that would attract young middle class families to Alpine. Influx of these type of households are essential for any community, but even more so for a community at crossroads such as ours.

Please consider the community as a whole when you make your decision. Please keep our growth on track for a high school.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Bob Citrano via email

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